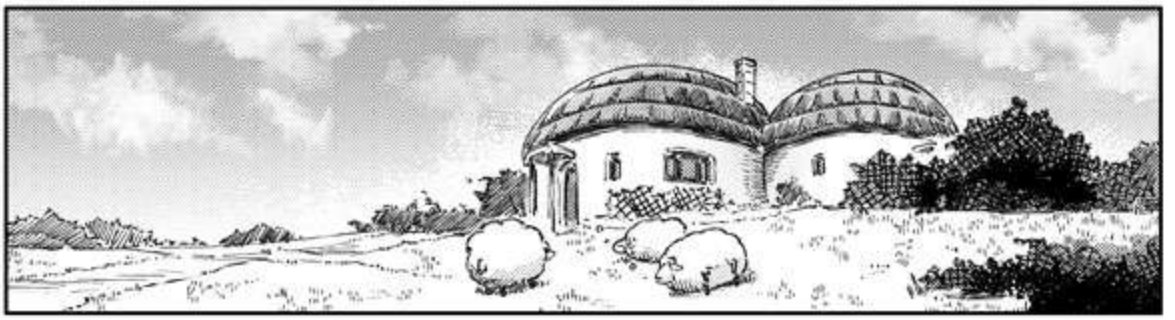

I JUST CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT IT!

THAT "GYUDON"!

Uhh...

CLAP

PLEASE, HAACHAMA!

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Vesta de Cooking
-Reverie a la Carte-
MUSCLE MEAL TIME!
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I CAN BARELY EVEN FOCUS ON MY JOB.
Huff...
Huff
I COULDN'T GET IT OUT OF MY HEAD!
AFTER I SAW IT IN "REVERIE A LA CARTE,"
HUFF!
SHE'S GETTING EMOTIONAL.
I JUST HAVE TO TASTE
THIS "GYUDON"!
THUMP
?
THUMP
WHAT'S THAT SOUND?
I'VE GOT THAT COVERED!
SURE,
BUT WE CAN'T GET THE INGREDIENTS IN VESTA.

RIGHT ON TIME.
SWING
Ah!
GOOD DAY!
THUMP
WHO?
BRINGING SOME SPICE TO YOUR EVERYDAY LIFE!
LOUIS D'OR SUPPLY CO.,
HERE WITH A DELIVERY!

THIS IS FRAN-CHAN, OUR KNIGHT ORDER'S SUPPLIER.
FLARE-SAN!
HOP
THIS ORDER'S FOR ME!
I DIDN'T ORDER ANYTHING.
Ooh!
CLACK
CLACK
I SURMISE THAT THE CUISINE OF HAACHAMA-SAN'S WORLD
IS QUITE SIMILAR TO THAT OF YAMATO.
FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESCRIPTION,
THAT'S RIGHT!
I WAS DYING TO TASTE GYUDON,
SO I ASKED HER IF SHE COULD SOURCE THE INGREDIENTS.
CLATTER

SO I'VE PROCURED FOR YOU A SELECTION
OF YAMATO COOKING ESSENTIALS!

WILL IT BE ENOUGH TO MAKE GYUDON?
LET'S SEE...
YEP! THIS SHOULD DO IT!

WOW!
RICE, SOY SAUCE, AND MISO!
IT'S JUST LIKE JAPANESE CUISINE!

GYUDON!
YES, LET'S!
SHE'S DROOLING.
SOME GYUDON!
ALL RIGHT! LET'S COOK OURSELVES
FIRST THINGS FIRST,
IT'S NOT IN THE RECIPE, BUT...
THUMP
Thanks for your continued patronage!

SO THIS IS YAMATO RICE?
DOES IT WORK THE SAME?
TUMBLE
WE GOTTA COOK THE RICE!
YOU'RE UP, WATAME!
WAIT, ME?!

JUST BOIL IT IN WATER, RIGHT?
I'M NOT SO SURE...
I DON'T THINK SO.
IS THERE A SPECIAL WAY TO COOK IT?

YOU'LL FIGURE IT OUT!
WILL THIS WORK WITH JUST PLAIN WATER?
POUR
DISHES LIKE RISOTTO AND PILAF ARE USUALLY COOKED IN BROTH.

IF YOU HAVE ANY TROUBLE, I CAN HELP—
JUST READ OUT THE RECIPE TO ME!
WHAD
FINE.
NOEL-CHAN, YOU CAN MAKE THE TOPPINGS!
SURE!
A-ALL RIGHT.
FIRST, THINLY SLICE AN ONION.
OKAY, THEN.
QUIVER
QUIVER

Phew...
...
WAIT A SEC.
FUMBLE
FUMBLE
SLICE
NOEL-CHAN, ARE YOU BAD AT COOKING?
NO, I'M NOT!
IT'S JUST...
I USE MY COMBAT KNIFE WHEN I'M OUT IN THE FIELD.
I'M NOT SURE I CAN HANDLE A COOKING KNIFE PROPERLY.

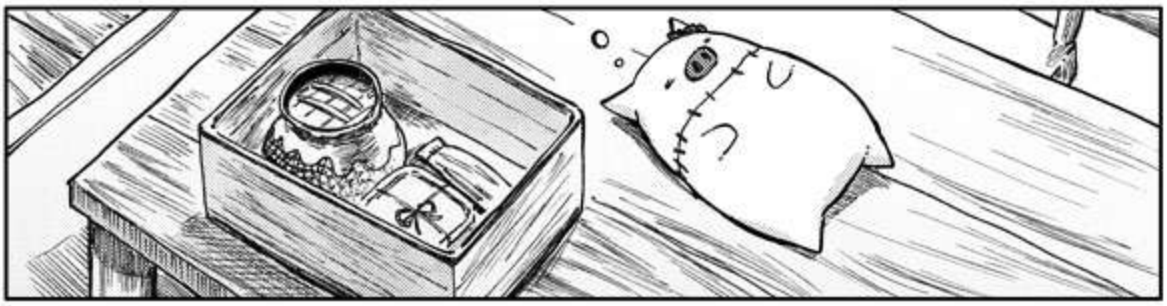
Really?
ARE THEY THAT DIFFERENT?
ABSOLUTELY!
AND SOMETIMES I DON'T KNOW MY OWN STRENGTH.
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN.
IF I'M NOT CAREFUL,
Yikes.
I MIGHT SLICE STRAIGHT THROUGH THE CUTTING BOARD.
WHY NOT USE YOUR COMBAT KNIFE, THEN?
AS LONG AS IT GETS THE JOB DONE.
WHAT?!
HUFF...
HUFF...
Deviate from the process?
You're sure it won't ruin the gyudon's taste?
WHY ARE YOU TREATING GYUDON LIKE SOMETHING SACRED?

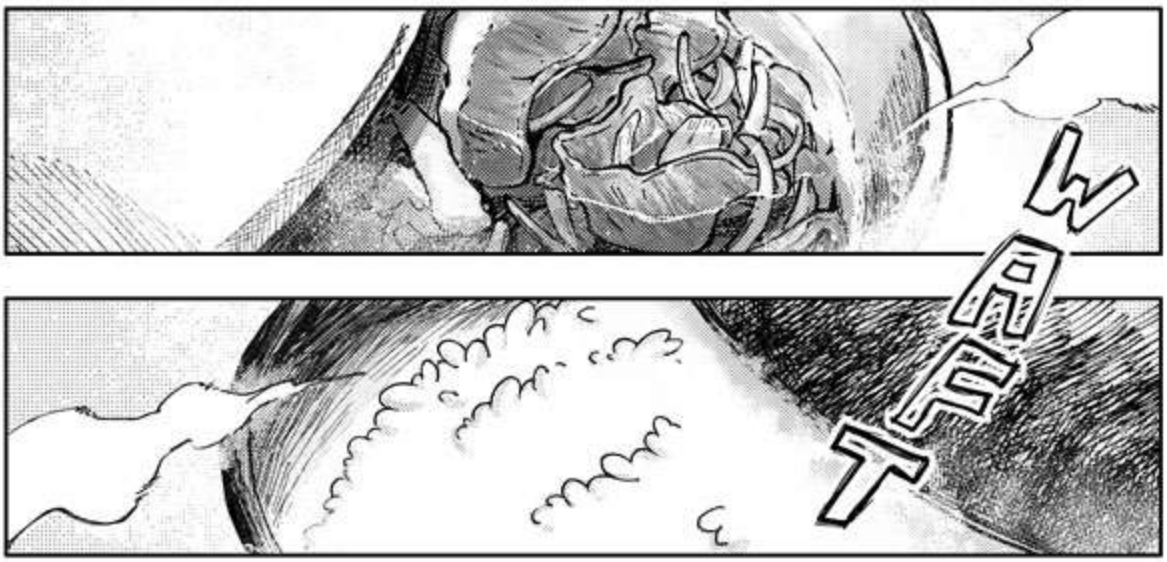
CHOP
CHOP
CHOP
WHOOSH
SHING
WHAT-EVER.
IN THE MEANTIME, I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE SEASONING.
CHOP
CHOP
CHOP
I'M NOT.
AWW...
YOU'RE GOOD.
WHY DO YOU SOUND DISAPPOINTED?
MIRIN,
AND... WHAT WAS IT?
SOY SAUCE...
CLUNK
WATER, COOKING WINE,

meat
SUGA
VESTA DOESN'T HAVE A LOT OF MEAT DISHES
THAT USE THAT MUCH SUGAR...
A TABLE-SPOON OF SUGAR...
HUH?!
WHAT?
SUGAR
YOU'RE SURE THAT'S WHAT THE RECIPE SAYS?
Oh?
IMAGINE THE MEAT DRIPPING WITH SWEET AND SAVORY SAUCE,
SWEET AND SAVORY...?
THE TASTE WILL BLOW YOUR MIND.
DRAPED OVER A BED OF GOOEY ONIONS AND FLUFFY WHITE RICE.
SUGAR

Oh-hohn
SWEET AND SAVORY...
HOW GREAT GYUDON IS?
HUH?!
J-JUST... TALKING ABOUT...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
IS THIS THE SOUP FOR THE GYUDON?
IT SMELLS SWEET AND FRAGRANT.
HOW UNIQUE.
IS THE RICE DONE?
WE JUST PUT IT ON THE FIRE.
WATAME'S KEEPING AN EYE ON IT.
GLUB
GLUB

"BRING IT UP TO A BOIL, COVER, THEN SIMMER ON MEDIUM."
CLONK
ALL RIGHT.
Yeah!
DOESN'T IT SMELL GREAT?
NOW, ADD THE ONIONS TO THAT BROTH.
GLUG
GLUG
BE SURE TO SKIM THE SCUM FROM THE SURFACE."
ADD THE MEAT AND COOK ON LOW FOR TEN MINUTES.
"AFTER FIVE MINUTES,
I'VE SEEN ENOUGH.
LET ME DO THE REST.
...WHAT'S SCUM?
TEN MINUTES ON LOW, RIGHT?




WAIT

IT'S DONE!
...WAIT.

WHY DID I GET LEFT ALONE OUT HERE?!
BANG
SORRY.
Oh, right.
IT'S OKAY! WE'LL JOIN YOU OUT THERE TO EAT!

GULP
SO THIS...

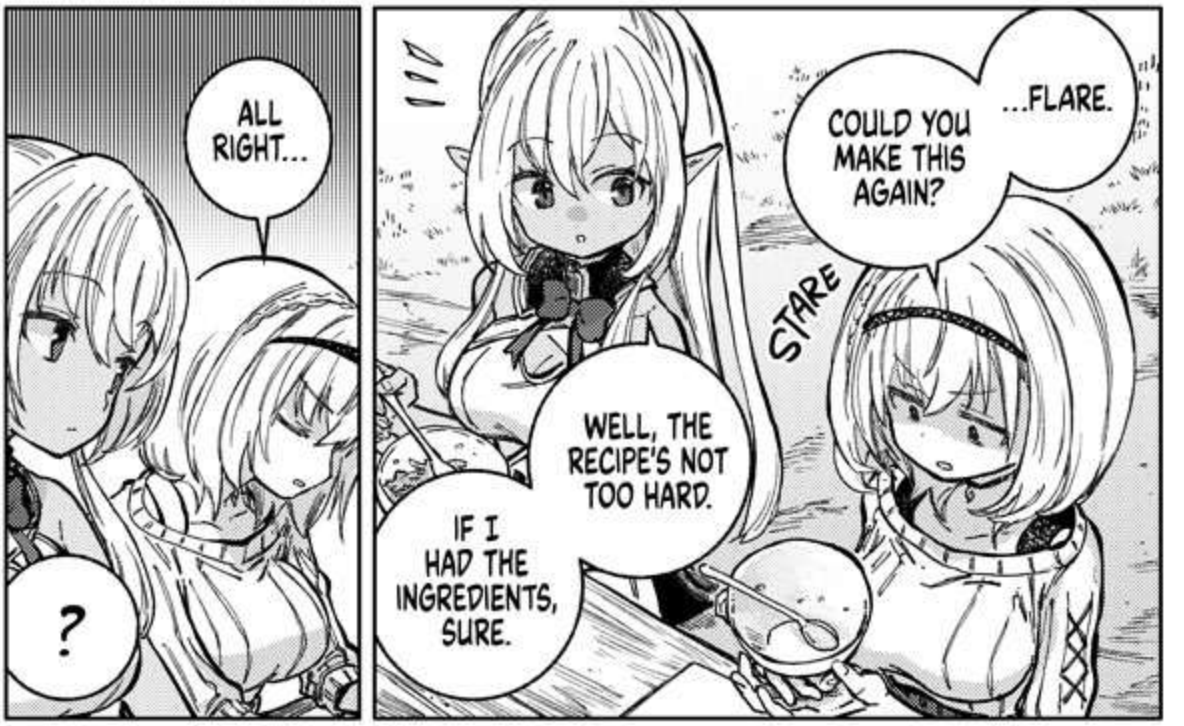
JUST TAKE A BOWL OF FRESH RICE

GLOOP
AND TOP IT WITH THE FRESHLY COOKED TOPPINGS!

ORIGINAL GYUDON
CAN I EAT IT?!
IS IT DONE NOW?
IS GYUDON!
WELL, I GUESS,
OM
NOM
LET'S JOIN HER.
Ahhh...
HERE I GO!
GO AHEAD.
OM
THAT WAS FAST.

AH, THE TASTE OF HOME.
THE SWEET SAUCE COMPLEMENTS THE SAVORY MEAT.
IT'S MAGICAL.
IT'S SWEET!
!
SWEET... AND SAVORY?
RIGHT?
BUT WOW. IT REALLY WORKS.
I WASN'T SURE ABOUT ADDING SUGAR TO MEAT,
MUNCH
IT'S MORE THAN JUST GOOD.
IS GYUDON AS GOOD AS YOU DREAMED?
WHAT DO YOU THINK, NOEL-CHAN?

IT'S LIKE I WAS BORN INTO THIS WORLD TO EAT THIS!
THAT'S HOW IT TASTES!
YEP, NOEL-CHAN'S BROKEN.
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO EAT IT OFTEN HERE IN VESTA.
MOST OF THESE INGREDIENTS ARE FROM YAMATO, THOUGH.
I'M NOT BROKEN!
MY LIFE HAS FINALLY BEGUN!
OH, IT'S SERIOUS.
SPARKLE
SPARKLE


ALL RIGHT...
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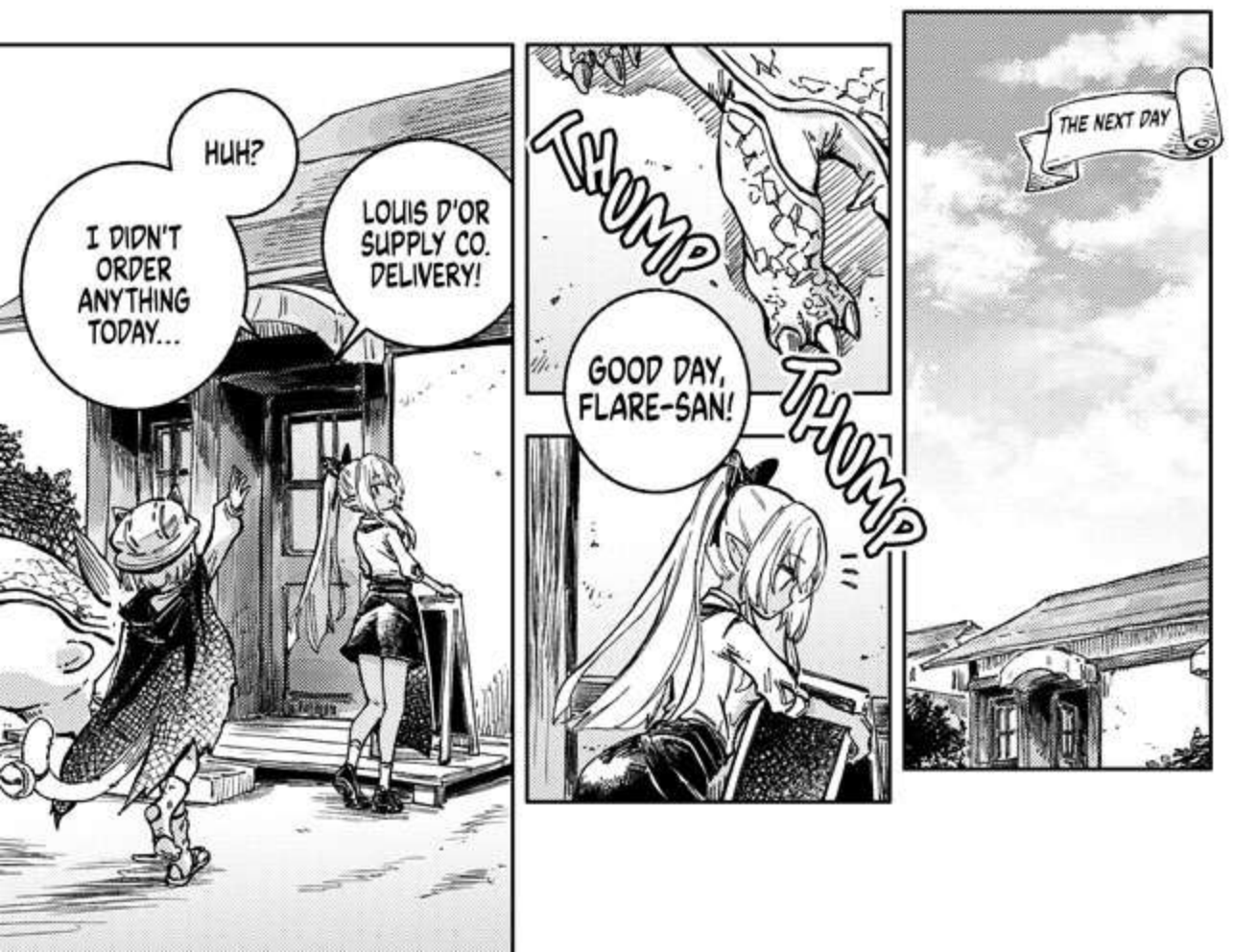
...FLARE.
COULD YOU MAKE THIS AGAIN?
STARE
WELL, THE RECIPE'S NOT TOO HARD.
IF I HAD THE INGREDIENTS, SURE.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HUH?
I DIDN'T ORDER ANYTHING TODAY...
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...
DA-
DUM
THIS DELIVERY IS FOR YOU, ON BEHALF OF NOEL-SAN.
AS MANY GYUDON INGREDIENTS AS I COULD PROCURE!

GREAT! I'LL BE OVER EVERY DAY, FOR YOUR GYU—
ABSO-LUTELY NOT!
EXPLAIN YOURSELF!
NOEL!